

Beach Cities WMG meeting 8-18-15

Attendees: Raul Saenz (City of MB), Geraldine Trivedi (City of RB), Kristy Morris (City of HB), John Dettle (City of Torrance), Jason Thiem (City of Torrance), Chien Pei Yu (Mark, CalTrans), Victoria Gamble (The Bay Foundation), Georgia Tunioli (The Bay Foundation), Kathleen McGowan and Susan Robinson (McGowan Consulting)

1. Introductions
2. Clean Bay Restaurant (CBR) Program (Victoria Gamble/SMBRF)
 - a. The CBR program is no longer a product of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (SMBRC), which is a State Board organization, it is now a product of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation (The Bay Foundation), which is the non-profit partner of the SMBRC
 - b. The Bay Foundation wants to revamp the CBR Program and has a wish list of action items that it will implement in phases:
 - i. Revamp the CBR Program checklist
 1. Ivar Ridgeway at the Regional Board has agreed to write a letter of support for CBR if the new checklist is sufficient
 2. One idea is to have **optional** extra items on the checklist not necessarily directly associated with stormwater quality that restaurants can implement (e.g., Sustainable Seafood program)
 3. Regional Board support will hopefully encourage other cities to participate in the program
 - ii. Revamp the CBR certificate/Logo change
 1. Some in the group expressed resistance to changing the logo as it has become recognizable and new branding would potentially hinder the success of the program
 2. Victoria will check into whether the logo has to be changed
 3. The group suggested that if the logo is going to be changed, it would be good to address the ocean and rivers instead of just the bay to make the program more appealing to inland cities
 - iii. Expand program to more cities
 - iv. Expand to other businesses (possibly nurseries, auto shops)
 - v. Get funding source for the program to keep it running and expand it
 - c. Next steps
 - i. The SMBRF hopes to set up a meeting with program participants (specifically inspectors) in Santa Monica sometime in September 2015
 - ii. Address issues of inconsistency (i.e. Malibu calls the program the Clean Bay Eats vs. South Bay calling it Clean Bay Certified)
 - iii. Event attendance
 1. SMBRF wants to attend/ support one community event per city in the next year
 - iv. The SMBRF will update its social media for the CBR program and hopes to garner social media cross promotion from cities

3. J5&6 Monitoring
 - a. Shoreline Monitoring MOA Extension/Renewal (Geraldine Trivedi/Redondo Beach)
 - i. The contract with Michelson for this monitoring goes through April 2016 and Redondo Beach has funding to cover it until that time
 - ii. The most current MOU expired in 2013 so Redondo Beach needs to ensure that cities will pay them back for the monitoring costs
 1. If all cities can pay Redondo Beach's invoices for the monitoring, then the group will not need an additional MOU until the CIMP implementation MOA (which will encompass the shoreline monitoring)
 2. Manhattan Beach and Torrance are ok to pay on the invoices
 3. Kristy Morris will check to make sure Hermosa Beach can pay their invoice
 - b. Hyperion 5 mile to 1-mile outfall diversion
 - i. The Hyperion plant is doing a temporary diversion from their 5-mile outfall to their 1-mile outfall and the City of LA has requested the Santa Monica Bay shoreline monitoring data
 - ii. Redondo Beach will share the data with the City of LA--whenever cities get a request from City of LA, they can direct it to Geraldine Trivedi/Redondo Beach
4. RFP for CIMP Scope of Work
 - a. CIMP Implementation scope to be included in RFP:
 - i. CIMP monitoring
 - ii. Toxicity work clarified in memo from Sam Unger (Regional Board)
 - iii. SMBB TMDL shoreline monitoring
 - iv. Torrance Basin Grant Project
 1. Torrance has a 1-year contract with Northgate to monitor their Basin project's water quality to document the effectiveness of the basin
 2. Torrance proposes to pay for the basin monitoring, but would like to include this monitoring into the Scope of Work to tie it together with other CIMP monitoring (after the first year, it would be rolled into the CIMP Implementation Contractor's scope of work)
 3. As the EWMP progresses the group will have more regional projects to monitor
 - The group proposed that each city will pay for the monitoring of EWMP projects within their jurisdiction
 - v. Exclude Machado Lake monitoring from Scope of Work
 - vi. Exclude Non-Stormwater Screening from Scope of Work—each city to complete screening individually and prior to December 2015
 - vii. Annual Reporting
 - b. Schedule

- i. The draft RFP will be distributed to the group next month (if possible 1 week before the next meeting Beach Cities WMG meeting)
- 5. CIMP Implementation MOA
 - a. Scope of MOA
 - i. CIMP Implementation (same scope as RFP discussed above)
 - ii. Watershed Coordination
 - 1. Include in MOA
 - 2. Scope of Work as outlined in McGowan Consulting's contract with Manhattan Beach
 - iii. Other
 - 1. Include Regional BMP Monitoring (i.e. Torrance Basin Monitoring) in MOA
 - b. Schedule
 - i. The draft MOA will be distributed to the group soon after RFP goes out to bid
 - c. Cost Sharing
 - i. 4 cities and LA County (5%) included in the cost sharing
 - ii. Payment from each participating agency would be requested by MB upfront upon execution of MOA and at the beginning of each monitoring year
 - iii. Include Contingency of 10%
 - iv. CalTrans prefers not to pay for MS4 Permit monitoring but may pay for SMB TMDL pollutants (bacteria, trash, DDT and PCBs) and Dominguez Channel 303(d) listed monitoring pollutants
 - v. Exxon Mobil Refinery in Torrance
 - 1. They are the only large industrial permit facility with an individual NPDES permit in the Beach Cities, Exxon Mobil has requested to participate in the monitoring to meet their TMDL monitoring requirements . Kathleen suggested that the WMG use a similar model as the Greater Harbors group has wherein the industrial permittee is not a party to the MOU, but they do participate in the the cost sharing and receive copy of the data and annual report
 - 2. Options are for them to have an agreement with Torrance for the sharing of CIMP monitoring data **OR** to include them in the Beach Cities WMG MOA as a recipient of data but not a party to the MOA
- 6. NSW Screening
 - a. All Cities are working on their screening individually
 - i. HB has done 2 rounds
 - ii. MB has done 1 round
 - iii. Torrance has done 1 round
 - iv. RB still has some screening to do
- 7. EWMP

- a. Still awaiting comments from the Regional Board on the EWMPs.
 - i. Regional Board staff said their goal is to have approved EWMPs by April 2016
- b. The Regional Board plans to hold a future funding strategies workshop sometime in the fall to discuss how to fund the EWMPs
- c. Current Prop 1 Grant Solicitation
 - i. 319h Non-Point Source Grant
 - 1. EWMP work is not eligible for this funding
 - ii. Coastal Conservancy Grant
 - 1. Smaller area of eligibility than the CA Dept. Fish and Wildlife grant (below)
 - 2. 4 open periods through FFAST
 - 3. ~\$15M issued during FY15/16
 - 4. Multi-use projects preferred
 - Green Streets would do better than infiltration projects
 - 5. Can use grant monies for land acquisition, planning and design (including CEQA), and engineering
 - 6. There is a webinar on August 25, 2015
 - 7. First grant application due Sept 30, 2015, then December 31, 2015, March 31, 2016, and June 30 2016
 - 8. Project must consider sea level rise vulnerability
 - 9. There are extra points for high percentage of matching funds
 - iii. CA Dept. Fish and Wildlife Watershed Restoration and Delta Water Quality Grant
 - 1. Statewide grant
 - 2. ~\$3M in funds
 - 3. 1 solicitation in FY15/16
 - 4. Grant application is due September 16, 2015
 - 5. Grant allows for money to be used toward planning/design/permitting
- 8. Future/other items
 - a. Los Angeles Region League of California Cities/Contract Cities Association Mayors group's funding initiative led by Ken Farfsing and Rich Watson is a good chance for cities to get involved in the discussion surrounding how to fund stormwater programs
 - b. Future meetings
 - i. 2nd Tuesday from 10am-12
 - ii. Next meeting will be on Tuesday Sept. 8th from 10am-12 at Redondo Beach City Hall, Administration Conference Room (we will meet at Door E and walk over as a group to the meeting room)

Summary of Action Items

- 1. Victoria Gamble/SMBRF to send email for distribution to group regarding meeting on CBR Program with inspectors

2. John Dettle/Torrance to provide McGowan Consulting with electronic copy of the Torrance Basins MRP for inclusion in the RFP scope
3. Kathleen McGowan to inquire of County staff as well as at next EWMP Coordinator's meeting as to whether other groups plan to include regional project monitoring in the CIMP scope
4. Each city to complete three rounds of outfall non-stormwater screening prior to December 2015
5. Kathleen will provide Mark (CalTrans) a list of TMDL and 303(d) listed pollutants in Santa Monica Bay, Dominguez Channel, and Torrance Lateral
6. Kathleen will provide John Dettle (Torrance) with the Greater Harbors Group MOA for precedent on including an industrial site
7. Geraldine Trivedi will check the Geosyntec EWMP development contract to see if there is extra money that could be used toward a grant application for the group